

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*"Strive, Believe, Achieve"*

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## Our school Values

Honesty ~ Excellence ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Perseverance

Our Moral Purpose - Students will be able to choose a life that has meaning.

**Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Term 1 Week 3  
16<sup>th</sup> February,  
2017*

We had a fantastic welcome BBQ for all our new Year 7 students and their families on Tuesday evening. There was a great atmosphere as students took great pride in giving their families a tour of the school. I was very proud to hear how excited and comfortable the students felt at their new school, giving me confidence that our transition program is working. Given these students will face another exciting transition to our new Education Precinct by the time they reach VCE, it is very exciting to see how well they have taken this challenge on.

Monday was the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Apology related to past laws, policies and practices which have impacted on Australia's First Nations Peoples, particularly members of the Stolen Generations. The motion was supported by the Opposition and passed through both houses of Parliament. This coincided with the 'Close the Gap' report on Tuesday, updating the improvement in key areas for ATSI people. Whilst the report indicated some significant concerns, what it highlighted was the connection between education and improved quality of life, particularly on health and life expectancy. The observation made by Malcolm Turnbull was that for "tertiary-educated Indigenous people, there is no gap." Given the gap between Indigenous and non-indigenous life expectancy is on average 10 years less and employment is 24% less, the impact of education is remarkable. We are making every effort to make WSC an engaging and welcoming learning space for students irrespective of background and ability, because we know the importance of this for every student's future prospects. Attendance is crucial to make the most of your educational opportunities to future proof your child's life, so please do everything you can to minimise absences that can be avoided.

Next Tuesday is our inter-house Swimming Sports event. This is a great event where parents and the broader community are invited to see some of our great local talent compete in a range of swimming events. This is an important day to join together as a community whether we are competing, helping or supporting each other. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Michael Briggs-Miller**

Principal

**Absence Hotline - 5398 1433 Or email**

**Charmaine – Mon, Tues and Fri - [wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)**

**Chelsea – Wed and Thurs - [smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au)**

Please notify the school by 12 noon on the day of the absence.

## ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Heath Schulz

### Edmodo

As part of the schools focus on feedback this year, I encourage all parents to utilise Edmodo as a 'window' into your child's progress at WSC. Staff are currently updating feedback tools, including rubrics to support students and parents identifying the level they are performing and the next step in their progression. If you would like specific support in accessing or using the edmodo app or website (including unique student codes) technical assistance can be provided at the school. Please contact the office to arrange a time if needed.

### Leadership Opportunities

It is great to see a number of senior students nominate for leadership roles within the school, most recently, sports captains. Students should seriously consider these opportunities, as they not only give you the chance to develop skills in leadership, organisation and motivation, it also greatly assists the running of a successful school program for all staff and students.

### Swimming Sports.

I look forward to seeing all students at the Swimming sports next week. It is a normal school day in terms of attendance and even if you are not swimming you can assist as a helper and/or encouraging your fellow house members. It is vital for senior students to role model participation so our middle students follow. I hope everyone has an enjoyable day and GO WIMMERA!

### Relay for life

It looks like we will be again participating in relay for life at Coughlin Park on March 17-18. Information has been posted on the Edmodo Bulletin detailing the registration process. You must sign up to the Warrack SC team online using the link: [http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?team\\_id=52822&pg=team&fr\\_id=4211](http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?team_id=52822&pg=team&fr_id=4211). Excursion forms and details will be distributed closer to the date. Thankyou to those who have already asked and shown support to this life changing event.

### Leaving school grounds permission form.

I have recently developed a permission form to replace the note required for a 'lunch pass'. Any student who currently has a pass will be given a new form from the office and any student who requires one can obtain one from the office.

Again I am thoroughly looking forward to working with all senior students and their families this year. If there is anything I can do to further support you child, please don't hesitate to make a time for a meeting at the general office.

### Heath Schulz

Acting Assistant Principal

### [Like us on Facebook.](#)



We are up to 798 LIKES on the Warracknabeal Secondary College Facebook page. If you haven't already "liked" our page make sure you do so you can get updates on what's happening around the school.

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WHITNEY MUNROE

We had a wonderful turn out at our Year 7 BBQ on Tuesday with over 50 people attending. It was great to see so many families come together to support their students as they transition into secondary school. Thank you to all the WSC staff who helped make this event such a success!

Next week on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February we will be having Year 7 immunisations at the school. If you have a Year 7 student, please ensure that you return the immunisation card by Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February.

The Year 7 Camp will be taking place from the 27<sup>th</sup> of February to the 1<sup>st</sup> of March at Cave Creek Hill near Beaufort. The camp focuses on building confidence, teamwork and communication skills. The Year 10 buddies will also be attending to run many of the events and activities. The students will be participating in events such as bouldering, cycling, canoeing, and raft building. Our hope is that the Year 7 students feel more connected to each other and have a greater sense of community as a group. The parent permission form and medical form along with payment for the camp needs to be returned by 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please contact the school if you have any questions about this.

### Whitney Munroe

Assistant Principal of Middle School

## VCAL News

We have had a fantastic start to the VCAL year. The school has enrolled 36 students from years 10 – 12 in the program and all students have their individual timetables and work programs. This includes students being able to complete some VCE subjects as well as VET and work placement.

The aims of the course this year are twofold. The first aim is to ensure that the students and community understand that the VCAL program and school classes are part of a structured career pathway. The second aim is to expand the VCAL program into the community further. We will be looking to complete more projects and activities with the community and we are looking for ideas and helpers to be involved with the students. If you are interested please contact me at the school.

**VCAL camp** – All VCAL students should have received their Camp information. We are heading to Torquay and Geelong to participate in a number of activities designed to enhance confidence and getting to know each other. Some aspects will also satisfy some of the course requirements.

**Uniform** – a reminder that all students are required to come to school in full school uniform. The exception to this is students working in the canteen.

**Canteen** – VCAL students are involved in the organisation and running of the canteen this year. This is a program that satisfies many of the course requirements of VCAL.

Please contact me at the school for any questions regarding the VCAL program. I am not available on Wednesdays.

Thanks all,

### Lisa Sanders

VCAL coordinator

## **School Council**

Nominations are now open for two parent vacancies on our school council. If you are an enthusiastic parent interested in getting more involved and having a say in what our school is doing, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for people who are committed to improving the educational outcomes for all our students. Effective councils have a broad range of experience, skills and expertise. Face-to-face and online training is also available to help councillors develop the skills and knowledge for the job. Parents find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. Please contact the office to discuss further or to pick up a nomination form.

**Nominations close on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.**

## **From the Office:**

### **New details**

If you have recently had any changes in your circumstances, please let the school know so we can update our records eg. New address, phone number, emails etc.

If you would like to make payments towards your school fees we have a BPay system. You can ring or call into the office to receive your BPay number.

### **Conveyance Allowance – Eligibility - Semester 1**

1. To receive a conveyance allowance individual students must meet all of the following criteria:
2. Attend a school/campus located outside Melbourne's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).
3. Attend the closest appropriate school/campus
4. Reside 4.8km or more from the school/campus (shortest practicable route calculated by school at time of application from the student's home to the school/campus attended) or 4.8km from home to the student's bus stop.
5. Be of school age (between 5 and 18 years old at the time of application), and a resident of Victoria
6. Be enrolled and travelling to school three or more days per week.

Application forms can be obtained from the front office.

**New application forms must be completed for existing recipients**

## **Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund**

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.
- CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
- If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.
- The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or print and return the form located at the end of the newsletter.

### 2017 Year 7 Uniform Pack for CSEF recipients

In 2017 every Year 7 government school student who is a recipient of CSEF automatically qualifies to receive a uniform pack that is provided through State Schools' Relief.

If your child receives CSEF assistance and is in Year 6 in 2016 you can ask for a uniform pack to be provided by State Schools' Relief through the secondary school your child is enrolled to attend in 2017.

Parents who have already purchased their child's uniform for 2017 and then become a CSEF recipient can still apply for a CSEF Year 7 Uniform Pack in 2017.

### What is in the CSEF 2017 Year 7 uniform pack?

The uniform pack includes basic uniform items needed to start secondary school.

For Year 6 students commencing Year 7 in 2017 State Schools' Relief will provide one item from each row of the table provided.

#### **Boys**

Black leather shoes – Lace up / Skate  
Jumper / Jacket / Bomber / Rugby Top  
Shorts / Trousers  
Long Sleeve / Short Sleeve Shirt

#### **Girls**

Black leather shoes – Lace up / T-Bar / Skate  
Jumper / Jacket / Bomber / Rugby Top  
Summer Dress / Winter Skirt + Shirt / Trousers + Shirt  
/Shorts + Shirt

**If above is NOT a Summer Dress then select either:**

Long Sleeve Shirt / Short Sleeve Shirt.  
All students will also receive one free pair of shoes supplied directly from SSR.

**Please call in at the office to collect forms.**

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### STUDENT CONCESSION CARDS

Students over the age of 15 years are eligible to claim for a Student Concession Card for travel on Public Transport. **All year 10 students are required to have a concession card if they are going on the year 10 trip.** **Further details and forms are available from the Office.**

### Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school

Parent, guardians and students are reminded that the school does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

### Enviro News

Thank you to our school community for switching to electronic newsletters. Our ResourceSmart Schools journey is continuing this year with our third star on its way. St Mary's is about to be awarded their 5<sup>th</sup> star for sustainability so it's great to be working together in the community to bring about positive change.

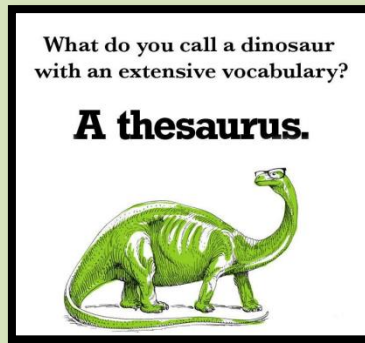
The Student Environmental group meets on Tuesday and Wednesday lunch times and is planning some great activities for 2017. All past and present students are invited to join. See Mrs Morgan for more details or check us out on Edmodo.

#### **Kate Morgan**

Environmental Coordinator



## English Support!



Every Tuesday

Lunchtime in Room 11

Come along for homework support, help with all things English, and encouraging puns!

## Careers Report

### **LEAP (Learn Experience Access Professions) Holiday Workshops**

- Year 10, 11 & 12 students have access to Holiday Workshops offered by the LEAP program through the Term 1 School Holidays
- Next Step **Health** Workshop (Y11-12) 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – The University of Melbourne
- Advanced **Engineering** Workshop (Y10-12) 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> April – Latrobe University Bundoora
- Next Step **Science** Workshop –(Y11-12) 6<sup>th</sup> April – Monash University Clayton
- For further information or to register please logon to:

<https://www.leap.vic.edu.au>

### **Useful student online resources**

Careers in Tourism and Hospitality

Accor: <https://www.accorhotels.jobs/Home.aspx> Australian

**Apprenticeships:** <http://www.ausapp.com.au/>

**Graduate Careers:** <http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/>

**Career FAQ's:** <http://www.careerfaqs.com.au/>

**RiAus:** <http://riaus.org.au/all-programs/education/stem-career-packs/>

**Careers in water:** <http://www.h2oz.org.au/Career-Resources.aspx>

Link to CEAV Resources for more: <http://www.ceav.vic.edu.au/resource-library/industry-career-resources/resource-index/>

### **Year 12 students – Helpful Scholarship Links:**

<http://www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships.html>

<https://blog.vtac.edu.au/category/scholarships/>

<http://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/scholarships>

<http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/government-info-assistance/youth-programs/scholarships-philanthropic-programs>

### **VCAL/VET Work placement**

It's great to see a few students accessing the Departments online Structured Workplace Learning portal to set up their placements for their VET course or their VCAL program. The portal has information on placements available in our area. Check out: <http://www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au>

### **Work Experience 2017**

Year 10 & 11 students are required to complete work experience in 2017. Dates are: Year 11 the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> June and Year 10 the week of the 26<sup>th</sup> June. Please take the opportunity to speak to your students about what type of career they may be interested in. We would love to help your student to secure a place that will help develop an interest in a particular career and motivate them as they work towards that career. If your student has an interest in work experience in the fields of health care, graphic design, photography or childcare they may need to start preparing for this very early in the year. Students will be discussing and arranging for their work experience during Study Hall on a Wednesday. VET Students will need to see me during their spares. Please feel free to contact me at school on 53981433 to discuss.

#### **Work Experience at VicRoads**

***\*\*Applications close Sunday 19 Feb 2017***

VicRoads Work Experience Program gives secondary students the opportunity to experience the relationship between school studies and the world of work, helping them make appropriate career choices.

Each year VicRoads offers placements for approved secondary school work experience.

We offer work experience in areas such as:

- Engineering
- Finance / Accounting
- Human Resources
- Legal
- Media / Communications
- Information Technology

**Applications for 2017 Work Experience Program are now open and will close on Sunday 19 February 2017.**

For more information and to apply online, please direct your students to our website

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/careers/employment-programs-and-traineeships/work-experience>

### **Nicole Stewart**

Careers/VET Co-ordinator

Structured Workplace Learning



# INTERHOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

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FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017



The first event on the college sporting calendar is the Interhouse Swimming Sports. Whether students are swimming, supporters or officials, there is a role to play for all. It's a great day to show team spirit, with most students dressing in house colours, and sometimes in very creative ways!

Something new this year – we will have two \$10 canteen vouchers to give away to some lucky students, and all you have to do is be there!

A BBQ will also be running for lunch and funds raised will be going towards the Energy Breakthrough team.

The annual lunchtime parade will also be happening with some tunes pumping in the background.

There will be prizes for all students whose house wins the 'Team Spirit' competition. This will be judged on dressing up and support and encouragement for your team throughout the day.

Parents, relatives and friends are most welcome to come along and support the students and the college. (BYO seating)

We would also like to see a few parents willing to have a bit of fun, and join the parent relay team against staff and house captain/vice captain teams at the end of the day!

**ALL STUDENTS ARE TO MEET AT SCHOOL AND ATTEND HOUSE ASSEMBLIES AT 9:00am.**

**PROGRAMS:** The programs will be available before the event via Edmodo and there will be limited hard copies on the day. Students should go through and highlight their events & times before the day. See house captains if you have any questions.

**FOOD:** The kiosk will be open with drinks and snacks, however NO hot food for sale.

No pass outs or lunch passes.

**STUDENTS:** Bring bathers\*, towel, sunscreen, drink, food, program. (\*Appropriate swimming attire. Board shorts not below the knee. Rash tops are fine)  
Come dressed up in house colours, but remember, **NO COLOUR** sprays are allowed.

Students are required to stay until presentations are completed; town students will be dismissed from the pool and bus students will make their way back to school.

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| <b>BORUNG (BLUE)</b> | <b>HENTY (GOLD)</b> | <b>WIMMERA (MAROON)</b> |
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# Calendar of Events



## February

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| 21 <sup>st</sup>                       | WSC Swim Sports                   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       | Yr 7 Immunisations                |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                       | Yr 12 English Study day (Horsham) |
| 26-28 <sup>th</sup>                    | VCAL Camp (Geelong)               |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar | Yr 7 Camp (CaveHill)              |

## March

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Black Ranges Swim Sports (Warrack) |
| 2-3 <sup>rd</sup> | Yr 12 OES Camp (Halls Gap)         |
| 6-7 <sup>th</sup> | Yr 10/11 OES Camp (Port Fairy)     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Labour Day (No School)             |

## Community Events

**Endoreic**  
Lake Lascelles Short Film Festival

Participate in Film Production Workshops  
Create your own 3 - 6 min short films  
Entries will be shown at a public presentation at Lake Lascelles Hopetoun on April 8th

Workshops to be held at these venues between the following dates

**Weekends 1:** Fri Feb 10 9 - 11:30am - Warradinabeal Neighbourhood House 2 Cox Street  
Sat Feb 11 12:30 - 3pm in Hopetoun Neighbourhood House Austin Street  
10am - 12:30pm - Horsham Nexus Building Pyrene St Horsham

**Weekends 2:** Fri March 3 9 - 11:30am - Warradinabeal Neighbourhood House 2 Cox Street  
Sat March 4 12:30 - 3pm in Hopetoun Neighbourhood House Austin Street  
10am - 12:30pm - Horsham Nexus Building Pyrene St Horsham  
Also on this weekend, Hannah is to be available to help out with individual filmmakers filming

**Weekend 3:** Fri March 17 9 - 11:30am Warradinabeal Neighbourhood House 2 Cox Street  
Sat March 18 12:30 - 3pm in Hopetoun Neighbourhood House Austin Street  
10am - 12:30pm - Horsham Nexus Building Pyrene St Horsham

For more information...  
Contact: Murray McKenzie  
Email: mmckenzie@yarriambiack.vic.gov.au

**Endoreic**  
Lake Lascelles Short Film Festival

**Amped**  
FRIDAY 24TH FEB 2017  
Hawaiian Night

LOCAL DJs KARAOKE

7-9 PM  
FREE ENTRY

NEXUS YOUTH CENTRE PH 5362 1500  
This is a Drug & Alcohol Free Youth Event



## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

### Parent/legal guardian details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  **OR**

☐ Foster parent\* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

### Student details

| Child's surname | Child's first name | Student ID | Date of birth<br>(dd/mm/yyyy) | Year level |
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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

